

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A digital content data distribution system for delivering and selling digital content data over a network to a user, the system comprising:

means for computing a content fee per unit volume of said digital content data;

means for computing a communication fee charged for the delivery of said digital content data over the network;

means for integrating said content fee with said communication fee, wherein the integration of said content fee with said communication fee produces a total fee, said means for integrating configured to include the total fee in the digital content data; and

means for delivering said digital content data to the user over the network,

wherein said digital content data is reproduced by the user by removing said total fee from said delivered digital content data.

2. (canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The digital content data distribution system according to claim 1, further comprising:

division means for dividing said digital content data into predetermined unit data volumes.

4. (Previously Presented) The digital content data distribution system according to claim 1, further comprising:

notification means for notifying a management unit of transmission information about said digital content data delivered by said delivery means.

5. (Previously Presented) The digital content data distribution system according to claim 4, wherein said notification means notifies said management unit of, as transmission information about said digital content data delivered by said delivery means, at least one of said content fee information, information for identifying a sender, information for identifying a recipient, and a data volume of said digital content data.

6. (Currently Amended) A digital content data distribution method for delivering and selling digital content data over a network to a user, the method comprising:

computing a content fee per unit volume of said digital content data;

computing a communication fee charged for the delivery of said digital content data over the network;

integrating said content fee with said communication fee, wherein the integration of said content fee with said communication fee produces a total fee, said means for integrating configured to include the total fee in the digital content data; and

delivering said digital content data to the user after verifying that the total fee was received from the user,

wherein said digital content data is reproduced by the user by removing said total fee from said delivered digital content data.

7. (Currently Amended) A recording medium recording a computer-readable program for delivering and selling digital content data to a user over a network, said computer-readable program comprising:

computing a content fee per unit volume of said digital content data;

computing a communication fee charged for the delivery of said digital content data over the network;

integrating said content fee with said communication fee, wherein the integration of said content fee with said communication fee produces a total fee, said means for integrating configured to include the total fee in the digital content data; and

delivering said digital content data to the user after verifying that the total fee was received from the user,

wherein said digital content data is reproduced by the user by removing said total fee from said delivered digital content data.

8. (Currently Amended) A reception apparatus for receiving digital content data and a cost per unit volume information of said digital content data transmitted~~delivered to a user over a network~~ via a communication medium, the apparatus comprising:

means for receiving said digital content data with its data format converted into a data format suitable for said communication medium and restoring fee information included in the received digital content data, ~~wherein said fee information includes a content fee per unit volume of said digital content data integrated with a communication fee charged for delivering said digital content data over the network;~~

means for removing said ~~fee-cost per unit volume~~ information from the ~~received-restored~~ digital content data, ~~where said fee information allows the user to pay for the content fee along with the communication fee; and~~

reproduction means for reproducing said digital content data without said cost per unit volume information.

9. (Previously Presented) The reception apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising:

notification means for notifying a management unit of receiving said fee information by said means for receiving.

10. (Previously Presented) The reception apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said notification means notifies the management of at least one of said fee information, information for identifying a sender, information for identifying a recipient, and a data volume of said received digital content data.

11. (Currently Amended) A reception method for receiving digital content data and cost per unit volume information of said digital content data transmitted~~delivered to a user over a network~~ via a communication medium, the method comprising:

receiving said digital content data with its data format converted into a data format suitable for said communication medium and restoring fee information included in the received digital content data, ~~wherein said fee information includes a content fee per unit volume of said~~

~~digital content data integrated with a communication fee charged for delivering said digital content data over the network;~~

removing said fee cost per unit volume information from the received restored digital content data, ~~where said fee information allows the user to pay for the content fee along with the communication fee; and~~

reproducing said digital content data without said cost information.

12. (Currently Amended) A recording medium recording a computer-readable program for receiving digital content data ~~delivered to a user over a network~~ and a cost per unit volume information of said digital content data transmitted via a communication medium, said computer-readable program comprising:

receiving said digital content data with its data format converted into a data format suitable for said communication medium and restoring fee information included in the received digital content data, ~~wherein said fee information includes a content fee per unit volume of said digital content data integrated with a communication fee charged for delivering said digital content data over the network;~~

removing said fee cost per unit volume information from the received restored digital content data, ~~where said fee information allows the user to pay for the content fee along with the communication fee; and~~

reproducing said digital content data without said cost per unit volume information.

13-37. (Canceled)